

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 880

Introduced by Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Section 1625 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to dentistry.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 880, as introduced, Ridley-Thomas. Dentistry.

The Dental Practice Act provides for the licensure and regulation of persons engaged in the practice of dentistry by the Dental Board of California. The act defines dentistry as the diagnosis or treatment, by surgery or other method, of diseases and lesions and the correction of malpositions of the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or associated structures, and provides that a person practices dentistry if that person performs various specified acts.

This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1625 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 1625. Dentistry is the diagnosis or treatment, by surgery or
- 4 other method, of diseases and lesions and the correction of
- 5 malpositions of the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or
- 6 associated structures; ~~and such.~~ That diagnosis or treatment may
- 7 include all necessary related procedures as well as the use of drugs,

- 1 anesthetic agents, and physical evaluation. Without limiting the
2 foregoing, a person practices dentistry within the meaning of this
3 chapter who does ~~any~~ one or more of the following:
- 4 (a) By card, circular, pamphlet, newspaper, or in any other way
5 advertises himself *or herself* or represents himself *or herself* to be
6 a dentist.
- 7 (b) Performs, or offers to perform, an operation or diagnosis of
8 any kind, or treats diseases or lesions of the human teeth, alveolar
9 process, gums, jaws, or associated structures, or corrects malposed
10 positions thereof.
- 11 (c) In any way indicates that he *or she* will perform by himself
12 *or herself* or his *or her* agents or servants ~~any~~ *an* operation upon
13 the human teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or associated
14 structures, or in any way indicates that he *or she* will construct,
15 alter, repair, or sell ~~any~~ *a* bridge, crown, denture or other prosthetic
16 appliance or orthodontic appliance.
- 17 (d) Makes, or offers to make, an examination of, with the intent
18 to perform or cause to be performed ~~any~~ *an* operation on the human
19 teeth, alveolar process, gums, jaws, or associated structures.
- 20 (e) Manages or conducts as manager, proprietor, conductor,
21 lessor, or otherwise, a place where dental operations are performed.